GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3702
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS INTO RAVI
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan has lodged any protest against discharging of pollutants into the water of Ravi river flowing from India to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India is bound by any commitment to ensure flow of pollution free Ravi water to Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether a water treatment project worth Rs.150 crores has been sanctioned for Ravi river; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters has drawn attention to receipt of reports of pollution of Hudiara drain at its entry point into Pakistan, which out-falls into river Ravi.

(b) Both India and Pakisthan have declared their intentions to prevent as far as possible undue pollution of the waters of the Rivers and to take all reasonable measures to treat any sewage or industrial waste, where necessary, in such manner as not materially to affect those uses as on Effective Date under the relevant provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.

(c) No such project worth Rs.150 crores has been sanctioned for Ravi river.

(d) Question does not arise.